

August 29, 2011

Beginning at 9:00 am at the Falcon Refinery we held a tailgate meeting and discussed the site hazards. The site activities consisted of air lancing of the sludge in Tanks 10 and 27. We air lanced approximately 3 hours /per tank in Tanks 10 and 27. A visual inspection of the tank bottoms from the man ways reveals that measurable quantities of water has separated from the sludge in both tanks.

August 30, 2011

We commenced work with a tailgate meeting using a two man crew for several hours then progressed to a three man crew continuing to remove water from the Tanks 10 and 27. Quantity removed was 3.5 loads (.5 load from Tank 10 and 3 loads from Tank 27). The water level in Tank 10 by mid-morning was below the heating coils.

August 31, 2011

We commenced work with a tailgate meeting. We removed two (2) loads from the tanks (1.5 loads from Tank 27 and 0.5 load of material water from Tank 10). TRC and Gainco teleconferenced with the purpose of reviewing and developing a more aggressive work schedule for the tank removals. GAINCO committed to increase the level of effort to remove sludge from Tank 26 and complete the decontamination of TANK 27 by September 9, 2011.

September 1, 2011

We began work at the Falcon Refinery with a tailgate meeting and then removing manways from tanks 17 – 24. We removed 20 bbl of water from Tank 10 and 140 bbl of oil from Tank 17 and then discovered approximately 140 - 210 bbl of very heavy sludge at the bottom of Tank 17. This tank also has a collapsed internal roof. The removal of fluids from this tank will be postponed until early next week when we to mobilize the shears to the site to facilitate removal of the sludge from the bottom, we continues to remove fluids from Tank 24. Tank 24 contains 8-10" of rainwater.

Gary Moore, EPA visited the Falcon Refinery late this morning. TRC and EPA visually inspected Tanks 27 and 10. The EPA requested the following items:

- Tanks grouped by activity,
- Tank contents,
- Work schedule, and
- A letter from EPA to Midway Environmental Svc. that authorizes the receipt of CERCLA waste.

TRC will provide that information to EPA with a revised schedule.

September 2, 2011

We will continue removing liquids from Tank 10 and the eight small tanks (17 to 24).

Tank 27

The current estimate of material in Tank 27 is approximately 4" (100 tons of sludge). On Tuesday of next week (9/6/2011), we plan to continue removing pumpable material from this tank with additional labor (5 to 6 man crew) to reduce to a minimal amount for disposal. TRC will contact EPA before any material is transported for disposal. By the end of next week, TANK 27 will be ready for inspection, ahead of schedule, and below the initial disposal cost estimates.

Tank 10

The current estimate of material in Tank 10 is 9". We will be removing free water from Tank 10 at time allows (1/2 load). For the period of Sept 1 - 2, 2011, GAINCO will continue removing loads of pumpable liquids from Tank 10 and liquids from the small Tanks.

SMALL TANKS

We will mobilize shear equipment on Tuesday (Sept 6) of next week.